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THE ANSONIA CRIME

THE SHOOTINGS in Ansonia were entirely unnecessary. It is true that the strikers had assembled, and that some of them had stopped before the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing Co., and were throwing stones at it.

The demonstration had not risen to the magnitude of a riot, there seemed to be no danger that property would be much damaged or anybody injured, and the stone throwing was rather the stupid effort of a few stupid men to express dissatisfaction than a serious attempt against property.

Charles Laepo is dead from a bullet in his neck. He was throwing stones, when suddenly a window opened, a shot rang out, and he fell wounded.

After the injury to Laepo the demonstrations took on a more serious character, and it is claimed that shots were fired toward the factory.

The wounded were all outside of the factory, and the shots fired from within. Ansonia and Shelton have long been notorious for their bungling methods in handling labor troubles. Strikes that in Bridgeport would be settled in a few days, or a few hours, in those communities become long drawn out contests of endurance, because employers there entertain reactionary views, and do not understand what modern employers are doing in such cases.

The authorities there have usually proved incompetent to handle such affairs, and the demonstrations yesterday, must be regarded as another evidence of bungling on the part of Ansonia officials.

In this city, such an assemblage as the one before Ansonia Manufacturing Company would have been dispersed by one or two policemen, without injury to anybody.

The shootings should be followed by a searching inquiry, before the coroner, and before the proper judicial tribunals. Those who fired the shots should be put to their trials, in order that Connecticut may know under what conditions working people are shot down in the streets of their own towns.

The employing classes, the moderate, generous and intelligent employers of the United States are more concerned that justice should be done than the workers themselves.

The organization of labor thrives upon the martyrdom of the workers, but the cause of industry is injured thereby.

In Bridgeport far-sighted employers, who might be named, men who employ thousands of hands, are making every effort for conciliatory and comfortable relations with labor. They devise good housing, look after the health of their people, raise wages, establish minimums, and add bonus and profit sharing system. They meet committees, consult with the unions, strive in every way to know what justice is and to do justice.

But in the Naugatuck Valley a demand upon the part of the workers for better conditions is greeted as if the employers were feudal barons, the laborers their serfs, and a strike a species of treason.

It is imperative to know who fired the shots that penetrated the bodies of the Ansonia workers. Were they private guards maintained by the employers?

Or was the shooting done by workers, perhaps in unnecessary fright, but without orders from responsible sources?

Everybody will hope the latter situation may be the case. The trials that followed the murders at Roosevelt have shown that the unnecessary slaughter of workers, even though they be on strike, will not be tolerated in America.

Let it be ascertained if the other authorities of New Haven county are more competent, and more devoted to reason and justice than those of Ansonia.

THE CASE OF MRS. PAPP

THE CASE OF Mrs. Papp is pitiful. Coroner John J. Phelan was moved by the evidence to find extenuation for her act in slaying her husband. The woman was young and unquestionably devoted to the man whom she slew. Between them they had saved a little money, which he had squandered, after fashions unsettling to the emotions of a wife in normal health. But Mrs. Papp was not in normal health. She had come to that state which taxes every energy of woman, even to the imperilment of reason. The torrent of evil overwhelmed her. Robbed of her means of support, deserted by the man who had sworn to cherish her, and about to bring a new life into the world, it is not strange she left sanity behind. Other women, with less cause, have been driven to acts as desperate.

BRITISH WAR CREDITS

THE TOTAL OF British war grants is now about twelve billions of dollars. The amount is great, if it is considered from the financial standpoint. But from the commodity standpoint, it is not enormously large. It represents a quantity of commodities which have been created since the war began, and only a portion of the commodities created. With proper organization an equal quantity of goods should be made, after the war, in less time.

A society which can produce twelve billions of goods to carry on a killing bee, using only a portion of its productive power, and that the least skilled, ought to be able, using all its people, to make twelve billion more, for the extinction of the debt, or the restoration of depreciated, or diminished stocks.

HOW BRIDGEPORT GROWS

IF THE DuPONTs come to Bridgeport, and it appears they may, the community will be accelerated in its movement to become the greatest armory of the nation.

Bridgeport will be assured of the early and earnest attention of any power that makes war on the United States, that is big enough to have a navy.

By the logic of necessity Bridgeporters will become, if they are not now, advocates of preparedness, for they will have more to lose than others, and be in greater prospect of losing it.

One great industry brings other smaller ones. He would be a bold prophet who should attempt to set a limit to Bridgeport's future growth in population and industry.



Has
It
Got
YOU
Thinking

The cost of living is a problem as old as the human race—but it's got us all thinking. Every single one of us—whether his annual income is one thousand or one hundred thousand—has got to keep an eye on expenditure.

Just now a dollar buys less than it used to—and that means that your percentage of savings is dwindling. Prices are going up. Has it got YOU thinking?

If it has—think one jump ahead of the other fellow. The war has knocked the woolen and dye markets into a cocked hat—and just when prices are coming back to earth, nobody can tell.

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SENATOR LEWIS
IS 50 TO-DAY

Col. James Hamilton Lewis, United States Senator from Illinois, Democratic "whip" and the best dresser in America, will pass the half-century mark to-day. The Illinois Solon is comparatively new to Uncle Sam's upper legislative house, yet he has gained a standing and influence in its councils equalled by few and surpassed by none. He has been mentioned as a running mate for Wilson in the coming campaign, and he would undoubtedly make a hit on the stump, for a better "miser" than "Hank" is not to be found. "The smile that melts ice at 100 paces, the eye that lights cigars within a radius of twenty-three feet, the hand gladder than young love, the voice of flutes and soft recorders"—such are some of the qualifications of the Sucker, State Solon, as set forth by a facetious paragrapher; and while the attributes of the most pugnacious and mellifluous of statesmen may have been slightly exaggerated, Senator Lewis assuredly possesses qualities not lightly to be ignored by political foes.

Col. Lewis is a native of old Virginia, and was born in Danville, on May 19, 1866. In his youth he removed to Augusta, Ga., and was educated at Houghton College and the University of Virginia, afterwards studying law in Savannah. He was admitted to the bar in 1884 and two years later he removed to Seattle, Wash., where he entered politics and was elected to the Territorial Senate. In 1890 he declined a proffered nomination to Congress. In the early '90's he was an unsuccessful candidate for governor and United States Senator, and in 1896 he had the backing of the State of Washington delegates for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination. His first appearance in Washington was in 1897, when he was Congress-man-at-large from Washington for one term. While a member of the House he was the author of a resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence. In the Spanish-American war he served on the staff of Gen. Grant in Cuba, and in 1899 he was again a candidate for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination. Col. Lewis removed to Chicago in 1902 and ever since he has been prominent in the Democratic poli-

tics of that city and state. Senator Lewis has made many trips to Europe and his sartorial splendor aroused envy and admiration in London and Paris.

THE CZAR'S
BIRTHDAY

The Czar of Russia, Nicholas II., commander-in-chief of the Russian armies in this war, was born May 18, 1868, New Style, but as the difference between the new and old style calendars is now thirteen days instead of twelve, his birthday will not be celebrated by his subjects until tomorrow. Since taking over the active command of the military forces the Czar has exercised much greater influence than he did earlier in the war when Grand Duke, Nicholas was the despotic dictator of the army, but even now he never takes any action without consulting his staff of military advisers. Although Czar Nicholas is popularly supposed to possess greater autocratic powers than any other ruler of a great power, in reality he is much less dictatorial than either the German or Austrian emperors. From his youth the Russian Emperor has been opposed to war, and in 1898 he issued a call to all nations to meet in a congress and discuss plans for the limitation of armaments and the lifting of the heavy burden of militarism which weighed over Europe. Out of compliance to Emperor Nicholas, the peace congress was opened at The Hague on his birthday, May 18, 1899, and the Tribunal of Arbitration in the Dutch capital was the result of the meeting. The Russian Emperor is of a decidedly religious and mystical turn of mind, and has often been swayed by religious leaders who claimed supernatural powers. The war has resulted in a great increase in his popularity among his subjects, and, whereas he was formerly in constant dread of assassination, he now often goes about without attendants. Whoever he goes he is greeted with cheers and wild enthusiasm, and his forty-eighth birthday will doubtless be marked by many demonstrations of the love which the Russians now entertain for their "Little White Father."

The United States destroyer Wilkes was launched at Philadelphia.

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With woven initials or entire name. Can be sewed to garments or all household linens, bedding, etc. For common use where hand embroidery cannot be done, this method is safe and very economical. Ask about it.

Notion Section, main floor.

Over Sunday Candy

Tiny flasks of Creme de Menthe or Grape Juice. Like champagne bottles, tops in gold paper and all. Pretty ornaments for the bon bon basket, or at each place, 5 cts each

Cream Walnuts, delicious, 40 cts lb

Main floor.

Cemetery
Vases

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Main floor.

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With dainty colored linings, having purse and mirror, or inside pocket, 95 cts, special

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Agreeably fragrant in the room, and it disturbs mosquitoes and other pests, 25 cts

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A very pleasant novelty shower was given in honor of Miss Helen Carey, at the home of Mrs. L. P. Farrell, 348 Center street, Tuesday evening. Miss Carey received some very beautiful and useful gifts, after which the evening was very pleasantly spent in singing, dancing and piano selections by Miss Catherine McCarthy. James Spain sang the wedding and Mrs. W. Duff accompanied on the violin. At a late hour a buffet lunch was served and the guests departed wishing Miss Carey who will become the bride of John Griffin, early in June, a happy future. Those present were the Misses Catherine McCarthy, Irene Farrell, Sadie Gibbons, Helen Greenwood, Anna May, Josephine and Alice Griffin, Helen Carey, Charles McDonald, Joseph Bradley, W. Duff, J. Spain, Robert Hickey, Fred Maine, George Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farrell, Jr., and Mrs. J. H. Farrell, Sr., and John Griffin.

A novelty shower was given Judith Della Valle last night at the home of Mrs. J. O'Connor, 105 Catherine street. The bride received many pretty gifts from her friends. Among those present were Miss Alice Stapp, Ella Johnson, Mrs. John Connors,

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Mrs. L. Mathews, lately of Springfield, Judith and Lillian Della Valle and Mrs. William Mathews.

The members of the "Ophthepoynt Club" spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Miss Louise Kilcourse, 358 Benham avenue, May 11. The next meeting of the club is to be held at the home of Miss Anna M. Namara, 66 William street, May 24.

Thousands of dollars worth of damage has been caused by cloudbursts at Rochester, N. Y., and vicinity.

Trolley car traffic on Staten Island was completely paralyzed by a strike of motormen and conductors.

Three firemen were injured at a fire that caused damage of \$75,000 to the plant of George Boyd & Sons, candy specialists, at Camden, N. J.